GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1122
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;GEORGE EDEN;SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific agreement has been reached with Russia for purchase of T-90 tanks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure involved therein;

(c) whether some Aircraft, including MI-17 helicopters are also proposed to be acquired from Russia;

(d) if so, the delivery schedule of the same and the terms and conditions laid down for their maintenance;

(e) whether the Government also propose to hire KH-22 Bomber, equipped with Missiles; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. A contract has been signed for procurement of T-90S tanks on 15th February, 2001.

(b)
(i) 310 T-90S tanks of which 124 numbers are in fully formed condition and 186 numbers in Semi Knocked Down/Completely Knocked Down form to be assembled in India, together with transfer of technology to take up production of the tanks in India.

The expenditure involved is as under:

(i) 124 numbers fully formed T-90 Tanks at a cost of Rs. 1401.2068 Crore.

(ii) 186 numbers of Semi Knocked Down and Completely Knocked Down tanks at a cost of Rs. 2225.9752 Crore.

(c) A contract for 40 numbers MI-17-IV helicopters was signed on 25th May, 2000 at a cost of 170 million US Dollars.

(d) The helicopters are being assembled in India and till date 16 helicopters have been handed over to the IAF.The delivery of all the helicopters will be completed by August, 2001. IAF personnel have been trained in Russia on systems not common with the existing fleet of MI-17 and the maintenance facilities for these new helicopters do exist with the IAF.A team of Russian specialists is available in India during the warranty period of one year to provide technical assistance, if required.

(e) & (f): The matter is under consideration.